

in order to expedite prosecution of the present application filed on even date herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating this rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the filing of the above noted Terminal Disclaimer was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features of the present invention as recited in claims 9-12, 21-24, 33-36 and 38 are taught or suggested by the claims of the copending application. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

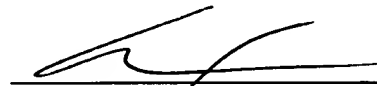
Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 4 of the Office Action that claims 9-12, 21-24, 33-36 and 38 would be allowed if a Terminal Disclaimer is filed to overcome the obviousness type double patenting rejection. As indicated above, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed to overcome the obviousness type double patenting rejection of the claims. Therefore, claims 9-12, 21-24, 33-36 and 38 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 9-12, 21-24 and 33-36 and 38 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 9-12, 21-24 and 33-36 and 38 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.39632VX1).

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